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# Settlement part of 'healing process'



Premier Stephen McNeil smiles at the start of a press conference on Tuesday to announce a \$29-million tentative settlement in the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children case. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Home for Colored Children. Tentative \$29-million deal reached in class-action lawsuit

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Putting a price tag on pain and suffering is just part of the healing process.

The Province of Nova Scotia announced a tentative \$29-million settlement for former residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children. The paperwork was presented in court Tuesday with a hearing to come Friday.

"This is really about the healing process," Premier Stephen McNeil told reporters at One Government Place. "This is one aspect of it."

The settlement is in response to a class-action lawsuit, filed on behalf of about 140 former residents, claiming decades of physical, sexual and emotional abuse by staff at the Dartmouth orphanage.

Wagners law firm is handling the suit and will distribute the "bucket settlement" to complainants.

However, first the firm is go-



The old Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

### Victim statement

"I never thought that ... this would happen in my lifetime."

Former resident Edgar Smith

ing to advertise the settlement to attract residents who have remained silent. There will also be an opt-out clause for anyone who has been involved in the suit but now wishes to launch their own lawsuit against the government independent of this settlement.

Complainants who can prove they lived at the home will receive the firm's Common Experience Payment. Those who had a more traumatic experience will go through an independent assessment

program.

"For example, for people who were raped as part of their experience," explained lawyer Ray Wagner. "We know of a few of those experiences."

The evaluation process has been tailored to support survivors.

"What's unique about this program, unique across Canada, this is a plan that will be administered by people of the African Nova Scotia community," said Wagner.

The evaluation will involve people who are from the community and familiar with its history.

"It's not going to be putting people on the stand," said Wagner. "This is all about being sensitive to the harms that may have been caused."

Following the settlement, residents will be able to tell their stories to a public inquiry.

"Usually a public inquiry is to get to the bottom of what went wrong and to learn how to change the system to move forward," explained the Department of Justice's Tilly Pillay. "In this case, a lot of that learning has already happened."

This settlement is independent of the \$5-million settlement reached with the home and its insurance company last April.

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# Halifax Alehouse

## Bar to pay damages in racial profiling case

Staff and managers at one of Halifax's best-known bars have been ordered to undergo education on racial profiling after calling police on a customer in February 2010.

Halifax Alehouse staff refused to serve Dino Gilpin on Feb. 20 because they wouldn't accept his Canadian citizenship card as photo ID. A manager called police to have Gilpin — who was drinking a glass of water — removed from the premises when he refused to leave after that.

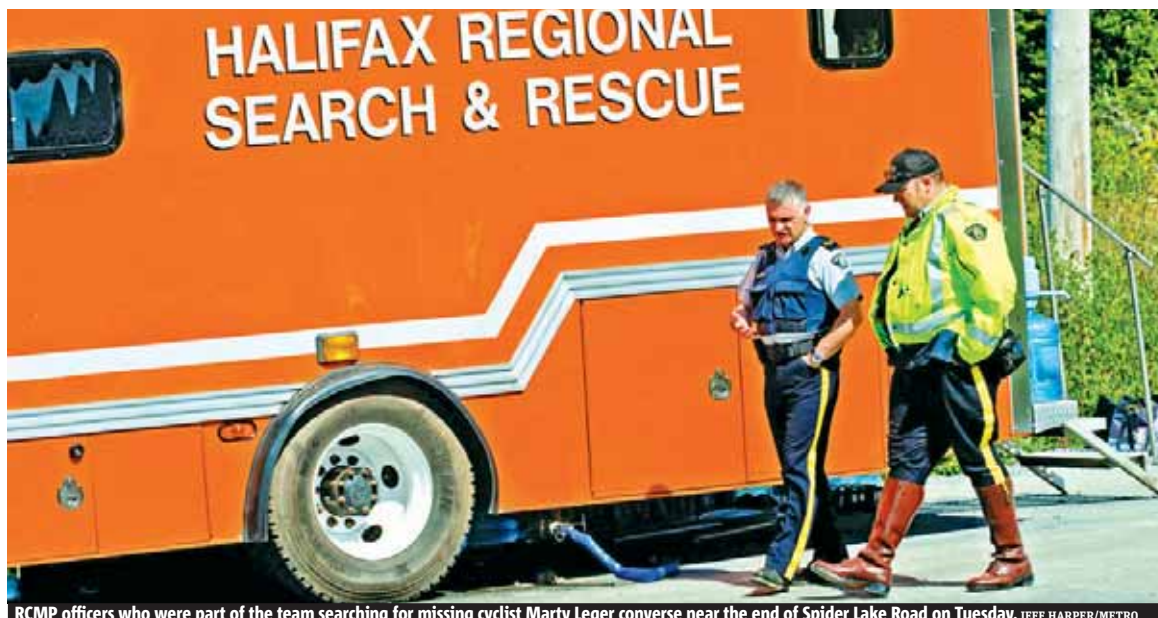
A Human Rights Commission ruling last July stated that the Alehouse staff discriminated against Gilpin, based on his race, by calling police to have him removed.

A news release issued Tuesday states that the Alehouse must now pay Gilpin more than \$6,800 in damages, and have all management and staff undergo education on racial profiling and cultural competencies.

The release also notes Alehouse management, staff and Gilpin worked together with a Commission facilitator in a restorative process to determine the remedies.

"When the people involved in instances of discrimination come together to discuss their experience ... there is an opportunity for constructive conversations to take place that help to understand what broke down, what happened and how we all can do our part to treat others with dignity and respect," said Commission CEO Tracey Williams.

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RCMP officers who were part of the team searching for missing cyclist Marty Leger converse near the end of Spider Lake Road on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# RCMP calls off search for biker

**Marty Leger.** Five-day search turns up no clues



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After five days of searching the heavily-wooded area around Spider Lake in Waverley, RCMP in Halifax have called off the search for a missing 30-year-old biker without finding any hints as to what could have happened to him.

Marty Leger was reported missing last Thursday when he didn't return home from a bike ride around the lake. His

car was found at the end of Spider Lake Road, but RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said they found no evidence of Leger or his bike in the 65 square kilometres of woods in the area.

The RCMP ended the search Tuesday night, and according to a release, Halifax RCMP's Supt. Roland Wells said "the decision to end any search is extremely difficult."

"I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy towards the Leger family in their time of grieving," Wells said in the statement.

Over the past five days, RCMP said about 450 ground search and rescue volunteers

from across the Maritimes and Joint Task Force Atlantic personnel, including 250 from New Brunswick, combed the woods.

MacRae said helicopters, dogs and boats were also used, but there had been "no sign" of Leger or his mountain bike.

"You always try to remain positive, but it's not looking good," MacRae said around 3 p.m. Tuesday. He said crews had moved into a methodical search off the paths, and were through "probable locations" based on Leger's biking level and the search team's experience.

RCMP said "after exhausting all efforts," the search and



Marty Leger CONTRIBUTED

rescue teams wrapped up their search Tuesday afternoon while the military forces continued until 9 p.m.

Those travelling the trails of Spider Lake are asked to call the police if they come across anything out of place. "No amount of information is too small or insignificant," a release said.

The matter will now become a missing person case.

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# 'Yes, summer is coming. For real'

**Feels like years since it's been here.**  
Expert says to expect 'pleasant' three months



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Which of the following statements is true?

1. Health Canada says too much lobster tomalley can cause uncontrollable step dancing.

2. The newly rebuilt Blue-nose II has spent the last six months conducting nighttime patrols to protect Nova Scotia from shrieking eels.

3. Nova Scotia will have a summer in 2014.

They all seem unlikely, but Weather Network meteorologist Dayna Vettese says that "3" is, in fact, true.

"Yes, summer is coming. For real," she said Tuesday.

Vettese said winter-weary Nova Scotians may be understandably hesitant to believe, given the unseasonably cool and vacillating conditions of the last three months.

"March was very below normal for temperatures, April was below again and May got off to a rocky start, but it wasn't too bad of a fin-

ish," she said, noting there were two frost advisories last week. "Going forward, it does look like we'll get some pleasant summer weather."

The network's three-month forecast shows temperatures averaging at or slightly above normal for Halifax and the southern part of Nova Scotia.

Summer temperatures are usually in the 20 to 25 C range before humidity. Precipitation is expected to average at normal or below.

Vettese said nights may be cooler than usual and people may notice they have to wait a bit longer for some summer activities.

"Things are a little bit delayed compared to previous years," she said. "So certainly if you're used to going swimming in July, it might be a few weeks later into August before it's really good swimming weather."

An El Niño system developing in the Pacific gets the credit for slightly warmer conditions — and for potentially keeping things calm in the tropical storm season.

"That doesn't mean we won't see any landfalling tropical storm systems, but it means there's less of them around in the Atlantic to actually impact anyone," said Vettese.



A pedestrian enjoys a stroll along the shores of Lake Mic Mac in Dartmouth on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Fewer Maritimers choosing university at home: Report



A student walks on the Dalhousie University campus. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Fewer Maritimers are choosing to go to university in their home provinces as compared to a decade ago, according to a report released Tuesday by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

Commission CEO Mireille Duguay said she doesn't know what's causing the decline. She said if students are choosing other forms of post-secondary education, such as colleges, it may not be a big problem.

"(But) if the issue is be-

cause they feel there are barriers — either they don't feel they are qualified, they're not sure about the value of the degree, they're wondering about the cost or have no idea how they can finance their education — all those things are source for concern," she said.

Since 2004-05, the percentage of Nova Scotians aged 18 to 24 enrolled in full-time university education in their home province dropped three percentage

points to 21.1 per cent.

In the same time period for New Brunswick, that figure decreased by 1.4 percentage points to 18.3 per cent, and for Prince Edward Island it went down 0.5 percentage points to 18.6 per cent.

The commission launched a survey of Grade 12 students last month, and Duguay said she hopes the information gleaned will provide some insight on how they are making decisions about post-secondary education.

### Seeking answers

Commission CEO Mireille Duguay said results of their survey of Grade 12 students will be released in the fall.

"What we're trying to get out of that is answers to, 'How much do you think it costs? Where do you think you're going to go? What type of institution and why?'" she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Under threat

#### Nova Scotia lights up the bat signal

The province is asking Nova Scotians to take a couple trips to the bat cave this summer.

This year, residents are asked to report bat sightings as well as help monitor their roosting sites through batconservation.ca to help track the province's dwin-

dling bat population.

Last year, more than 1,000 sightings were reported to Mersey Tobetic Research Institute.

Those who find a bat roosting site in old houses, barns, churches, under bridges or in other places are asked to monitor them once in July and once again in August for an hour around sunset.

According to a Natural Resources release, the fatal

white-nose syndrome is caused by a cold-climate fungus and has killed millions of bats throughout northeastern North America in the last few years.

Following a 95 per cent decline of bats at five hibernation sites, the province put the brown Myotis, northern Myotis and tri-coloured bat on the Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act last year.

**METRO**



Nova Scotia's bat population is in steep decline. GETTY IMAGES FILE

### No charges yet

#### Pedestrian hit at crosswalk suffers serious injuries

A 39-year-old woman is in hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries after becoming the latest pedestrian struck by a vehicle in Halifax.

It happened in the Clay-ton Park area at 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday.

Halifax Regional Police said the pedestrian was in a marked crosswalk when she was struck by a vehicle travelling southbound on Willett Street and turning left onto Main Avenue.

The victim was transported to hospital.

No charges have been laid against the 50-year-old woman driver at this time. Police continue to investigate. **METRO**



# 'The shows will go on'

**Fire.** Shakespeare By The Sea moving forward despite suspicious playhouse blaze

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The popular catchphrase "the show must go on" is being taken literally by Halifax playgroup Shakespeare By The Sea.

Despite losing its playhouse to a suspicious fire Sunday, rehearsals for this season's shows commenced on schedule Tuesday.

"One thing we know for sure, the shows will go on," said co-artistic director Jesse MacLean during a rehearsal break.

The company is currently borrowing space at Neptune Theatre while the city assesses the damage at Park Place Theatre in Point Pleasant Park.

"There's some significant damage to the exterior and the attic of the building," said MacLean.

Aside from the building, the seats, curtains and lights will need to be replaced. The company is waiting to hear whether the building is structurally sound so it can possibly move rehearsals into the



Elizabeth Murphy explains how the fire spread at the Shakespeare by the Sea main office on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

damaged space.

"This is a limbo day for us," said co-artistic director

Elizabeth Murphy on Tuesday. "We're positive we are doing the season. Nothing's going to stop us. It will just be more difficult if we don't have our headquarters."

In an effort to restore its only indoor stage, the company launched an IndieGoGo fundraiser Monday night, with a \$20,000 target. Within

10 hours the web campaign had raised \$6,000.

This is in addition to its annual Sneak Peak & Picnic Auction event, during which ticket holders will not only get to see some of this season's songs and scenes, they will bid on picnics assembled by a local chefs.

But MacLean said the

best way people can support the company is through attendance.

"It might be one of those years, where it's a little extra special, where we've had this happen to us," he said.

As the nature of SBTs is to enjoy theatre outdoors, he points out, a show is never sold out.

## Case closed

### Police say person who lost more than \$1,000 identified

That pile of loot found on a Halifax street is going back to its rightful owner, police say.

On Monday, a Halifax Regional Police officer found a package containing more than \$1,000 in the Quinpool Road area.

There were other items in the package as well, but police wouldn't give away any other details.

On Tuesday, police say a woman came forward saying the money was hers. She was able to describe what the money was found in, the exact amount of cash and where it was located. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

## Double-homicide charge

### Case 'up in the air' after lawyer suspension

Preliminary inquiry dates for a Valley man charged in a double homicide are in question now that his defence lawyer Lyle Howe has been suspended from practising law.

"Up in the air," said Nova Scotia Prosecution Service spokeswoman Chris Hansen, regarding the case of Gerald Rushton, who is charged with killing his girlfriend Elizabeth MacPherson and her daughter Brittany last December.

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## Quoted

"Come see the shows. That's one of the biggest ways people can support us."

Co-artistic director Jesse MacLean

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## Report. N.S. health staff concerned about job losses, rural neglect

A report on Nova Scotia's health system has fielded concerns about job losses and rural communities being neglected with the provincial government's plan to cut the number of health boards to two from 10.

Health Minister Leo Glavine sought feedback from those in the health-care sector about the proposal, which would see one provincial health board and another for the IWK Health Centre in Halifax as of April 1.

The report says some health-care workers expressed anxiety about losing employment or having their jobs relocated, and fears also surfaced about a centralized approach that could see urban areas favoured over rural.

Glavine says the insights offered by health-care staff and volunteers will guide the work of a transition team respon-



Leo Glavine METRO FILE

sible for recommending a new structure for the amalgamated health authorities.

The Liberal government says its plan to cut the number of health boards would result in savings, but the opposition NDP have disputed that, saying it would be more costly in the long run. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Cape Breton. Teens threw rocks at couple, police say

Cape Breton Regional Police are investigating after a 58-year-old man said two young people threw rocks at him and his wife on Monday night in Sydney Mines before running into him with their ATV.

The man and his 57-year-old wife were walking in the wooded area between MacDonald Crescent and Tobin Road, near the bottom of George Street, when an ATV carrying two youth passed by and splashed them with mud, police said.

Both groups started a conversation, and then one teen got off the ATV and began throwing rocks at the couple. Police said the woman ran towards George Street for help,

### Young suspects

Police said the two youth are described as between 13 and 15 years old, and were wearing black helmets and black jackets.

and the teens drove their ATV towards the man, striking him in the front and knocking him into the bushes before driving off.

The woman heard the collision and came back to her husband, and then the pair walked home and drove to the hospital, where he was treated for his injuries. **METRO**

### Groundwater supply

### Studies: Fracking in N.S. poses low risk

Two new reports from an expert panel on hydraulic fracturing in Nova Scotia suggest the process, if handled properly, does not pose a serious threat to the province's groundwater supply.

The panel, led by Cape Breton University president David Wheeler, says the province's stable geology will make contamination of drinking water wells less likely. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Springhill

### Prison staff seize tobacco

Staff at Springhill Institution are being credited for seizing contraband, including tobacco, at the medium-security prison.

The May 31 seizure was announced on Tuesday.

The contraband seized included 11 bales of tobacco. The total estimated institutional value of this seizure is \$11,000.

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The Convergys in New Glasgow is closing in September, putting about 300 people out of work. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

# Another blow to Pictou County

## Economy. Convergys closing call centre; 300 employees to lose jobs

### Payroll rebate incentives

A spokeswoman for Nova Scotia Business Inc. says Convergys New Glasgow received about \$7.8 million in payroll rebate incentives between 2001 and 2010.

Employees at the New Glasgow Convergys were told on Tuesday the company is closing the call centre on Sept. 28.

PR specialist Brooke Beiting said the employees were given notice and told they could apply for work-at-home positions or other internal jobs.

The New Glasgow location opened in October 2001. Right now there are 300 people working there.

After the closure of the contact centre in New Glasgow,

the company's only remaining location in the province will be in Cape Breton.

Bad news travelled fast throughout Convergys Monday as employees heard they would be losing their jobs in September. Many sitting outside the call centre hadn't yet heard the news directly from the source,

but they were already thinking about how it would affect the employees and the county.

Michele Ferguson of Westville has been at Convergys for four years after getting laid off from Bell Aliant.

"I managed to go through it once. I'll manage to go through it again," she said.

Coming only three months after Michelin's announcement it would be shutting down part of its production, many Convergys employees were questioning what it would mean for jobs in Pictou County.

"The county is going to be hit hard," Ferguson said.

She believes neighbouring businesses will feel the loss

with several workers heading to Sobeys, Giant Tiger and the dollar store on their lunch breaks. She questioned whether she, and others, would be able to find jobs.

It wasn't only about the loss of a job, however. For one woman, she was losing her friends. "We're a big happy family," she said, without giving her name. "I've called in sick twice in nine years."

This is the second shutdown of a Convergys location in Nova Scotia since December. The company also had a location in Dartmouth, but closed down that centre on Dec. 31, putting 130 people out of work.

**NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

## Support still strong for Liberal gov't, premier

A new political survey shows Nova Scotians are still satisfied with the performance of the new Liberal government.

The latest quarterly poll from Corporate Research Associates shows 62 per cent of respondents are satisfied with the overall performance of the McNeil government, up from 58 per cent in February.

One quarter of respondents are dissatisfied, up from

20 per cent three months ago.

Eleven per cent didn't offer a definite opinion, while two per cent (down from eight per cent) say it's too soon to tell.

Almost six in 10 respondents — 57 per cent — said they'd vote for the Liberals if a provincial election was held Tuesday, down from 60 per cent in February.

Support for the PC Party

and NDP rose by just one per cent each, to 21 and 19 per cent respectively.

Premier Stephen McNeil's personal popularity has slipped somewhat, from 50 to 45 per cent.

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie has 18 per cent support, up three per cent since February, and interim NDP leader Maureen MacDonald inched up to 13 per cent from 12.

The results are based on a sample of 800 adult Nova Scotians surveyed from May 8-27.

**RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

### Margin of error

Results are considered accurate to within plus-or-minus 3.5 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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## Three-parent IVF babies. GMO embryos appear not 'unsafe': U.K. regulator

Britain's fertility regulator says controversial techniques to create embryos from the DNA of three people "do not appear to be unsafe" even though no one has ever received the treatment, according to a new report released Tuesday.

The report based its conclusion largely on lab tests and some animal experiments.

"Until a healthy baby is born, we cannot say 100 per cent that these techniques are safe," said Dr. Andy Greenfield, who chaired the expert panel behind the report.

The techniques are meant to stop mothers from passing on potentially fatal genetic diseases to their babies and involve altering a human egg or embryo before transferring it into a woman. Such methods have only been allowed for research in a lab, but the U.K. department of health said it hopes for new legislation this year. If approved, Britain would become the first country to allow embryos to be genetically modified this way.

Critics have described the research as unethical and stressed its unknown dangers.

Marcy Darnovsky, of the Center for Genetics and Society in the U.S., warned that allowing the method might lead

### Not surefire either

**"Safety is not a straightforward issue."**

Dr. Andy Greenfield, chair of the expert panel behind the British report, reacting to criticism that the new technology may run into unexpected dangers.

to a slippery slope and tempt scientists and parents to use the techniques to create designer babies with certain traits.

Experts say that if approved, these new methods would likely be used in about a dozen British women every year who are known to have faulty mitochondria — the energy-producing structures outside a cell's nucleus. Genetic defects in the mitochondria can result in diseases such as muscular dystrophy, heart problems and mental retardation.

The techniques involve removing the nucleus DNA from the egg of a prospective mother and inserting it into a donor egg, where the nucleus DNA has been removed.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration held a meeting to discuss the techniques and scientists warned it could take decades to determine if they are safe.

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## Hundreds signed. Letter from scientists to PM: Reject Northern Gateway

A letter signed by hundreds of scientists from around the world is urging Prime Minister Stephen Harper to reject a federal panel report recommending approval of the Northern Gateway pipeline.

The federal government must release its final decision by June 17 on the 1,200-kilometre pipeline that would link the Alberta oilsands with a tanker port on the B.C. coast.

The letter sent this week to Harper and several key cabinet ministers said the report by the joint review panel is "indefensible as a basis to judge in favour of the project."

It was signed by 300 scientists at universities from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, along with colleagues from international institutions including Stanford, Cornell and Oxford.

The chief concern from the group is that the panel did not look at the increase in global greenhouse gas emissions that



Prime Minister Stephen Harper  
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will result from the expansion in oilsands production.

"The panel was not given a mandate ... to look at the larger climate change picture," said Kai Chan, an associate professor at the Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia and one of the instigators of the petition.

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People's Liberation Army soldiers march near their rifles before an honour guard performance outside the Great Hall of the People near Tiananmen Square in Beijing, Tuesday. China allows no discussion of the events of June 3-4, 1989, when soldiers accompanied by tanks and armoured personnel carriers fought their way into the heart of the city, killing hundreds of protesting citizens and onlookers. ALEXANDER F. YUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Survivors recall Tiananmen Square

**After 25 years.** As China still tries to cover up the massacre, those who lived tell their tales of June 4, 1989, in Beijing



LUCY SCHOLEY  
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Liane Lee remembers holding back a screaming 12-year-old boy in Tiananmen Square.

"They killed my brother. They killed my brother!" she recalls him yelling to the soldiers who had been firing at the pro-democracy protesters. It was the early hours of June 4, 1989 — a day that Lee still struggles talking about 25 years later. But she recounted the bloody military massacre to an audience at the University of Ottawa on Tuesday.

Then a 26-year-old university student from Hong Kong, Lee held the boy back until he

### Quoted

**"We should not forget June 4. Those who don't learn from history are condemned to repeat it."**

Cheuk Kwan, of the Toronto Association for Democracy in China, saying human rights have deteriorated in China since the Tiananmen Square massacre.

finally wriggled away. She says she still remembers the smell of his sweat and the warmth of his tears. Witnesses say the boy's body was later carried to the first aid station, covered in blood, but Lee does not remember that. She figures she blocked it from her memory.

Now 55 and living in Cleveland, Ohio, Lee says many Chinese people have accused her of lying about the massacre that killed a still-unknown number of the country's students, teachers and workers.

"I want to remember their names, but I can only remember their noble faces," said Lee, who urged the audience to reflect on the massacre that the Chinese government is still trying to cover up today. Many scholars, artists and lawyers

who have tried to commemorate the event on this milestone have wound up under house arrest or in jail.

Chen Yuguo was a teacher at Beijing University who had been camping out at the square in the days leading up to the massacre. He was in one of the last groups that left at about 5 a.m. on June 4, after seeing many people crushed by tanks and a colleague "badly, almost fatally stabbed."

Cheuk Kwan, of the Toronto Association for Democracy in China, said human rights have "deteriorated" in China since the Tiananmen Square massacre.

"We should not forget June 4," he said. "Those who don't learn from history are condemned to repeat it."

### Currently

***Like it never happened***

China allows no public discussion of the events of June 3-4, 1989, when soldiers accompanied by tanks and armoured personnel carriers fought their way into the heart of the city, killing hundreds of unarmed protesters and onlookers. The government has never issued a complete, formal accounting of the crackdown and the number of casualties.

Beijing's official line is that the student-led protests aimed to topple the ruling Communist Party and plunge China into chaos. Protest leaders said they were just seeking greater democracy and freedom, and an end to corruption and favouritism within the party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





A woman rides in a car painted the colours of the Syrian flag with President Bashar Assad's portrait during elections in Damascus Tuesday. Assad is expected to win easily. DUSAN VRANIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Thousands of Syrians flock to polls to re-elect Assad

## Presidential election.

But critics call the vote, which excludes much of northern and eastern Syria, a sham

Waving photos of President Bashar Assad and dancing with flags, tens of thousands of Syrians pledged renewed allegiance to Assad as they voted Tuesday in a presidential election that excluded a vast swath of the pre-war population and was decried by the opposition as a charade.

Men and women wore lapel pins with Assad's picture and said re-electing him would give the Syrian leader more legitimacy to find a solution to the devastating three-year conflict that activists say has killed more than 160,000 people. In the early evening, state television said the electoral committee extended voting by five hours to midnight because of "high turnout at the ballot box."

Even as crowds of Assad's supporters flocked to the polls in Damascus, the sounds of war were inescapable. At

## Bloodied ballots

Some voters pricked their fingers and marked Assad's name on the ballot in blood to show their allegiance.

- The government supplied pins for those wishing to vote in blood.
- Most people voted in ink.

least three fighter jets roared low over Damascus.

The balloting is taking place only in government-controlled areas, excluding much of northern and eastern Syria. Tens of thousands of Syrians abroad voted last week, although many of the more than 2.7-million Syrian refugees across the region either abstained or were excluded by voting laws.

Assad's win — all but a foregone conclusion — would give him a third seven-year term in office and likely further strengthen his determination to crush the insurgency against his rule.

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## Strife imitates art. Thais resisting coup adopt salute from Hunger Games

### Act of rebellion.

Protesters in groups flashing three raised fingers could face arrest, military spokesman warns

The three-finger salute from the Hollywood movie the Hunger Games is being used as a real symbol of resistance in Thailand. Protesters against the military coup are flashing the gesture as a silent act of rebellion, and they're being threatened with arrest if they ignore warnings to stop.

Thailand's military rulers said Tuesday they were monitoring the new form of opposition to the coup. Reporters witnessed the phenomenon and individuals were captured on film making the raised-arm salute.

"Raising three fingers has

become a symbol in calling for fundamental political rights," said anti-coup activist Sombat Boonngam-anong on his Facebook page. He called on people to raise "3 fingers, 3 times a day" — at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. — in safe public places where no police or military are present.

The gesture emerged over the weekend as protesters joined small flash mobs, or stood alone, flashing three fingers in the air.

"We know it comes from the movie, and let's say it represents resistance against the authorities," Col. Weerachon Sukhondhapatipak, a spokesman for the junta, told The Associated Press.

"If a single individual raises three fingers in the air, we are not going to arrest him or her," he said. "But if it is a political gathering of five people or more, then we will have to take some action. If it persists, then we will have to



A protester gives a Hunger Games salute as soldiers watch from a walkway in Bangkok. THANYARAT DOKSONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

make an arrest," he said.

In the Hunger Games movie series and book trilogy, the salute symbolizes rebellion against totalitarian rule, signifying thanks, admiration and goodbye to a loved one.

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### Clowning around

### Court fails to see humour in prank

A Dutch court has convicted three men of threatening behaviour after one dressed up as a clown and chased cyclists with an axe, and the other two filmed the prank and posted it on YouTube. The men, who were not identified, defended their actions as humorous. They were sentenced to 40 hours' community service.

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### Ban removed

### Turks can watch YouTube again

Turkish authorities say they have restored access to YouTube after the country's highest court ruled that the two-month ban on the video-sharing website violates freedom of expression.

The restrictions were imposed after the leak of a recording of a government meeting in which officials appeared to be discussing a possible military intervention in Syria.

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### Protest gets in G7's face(s)

Oxfam demonstrators portraying, from left, Prime Minister David Cameron, Chancellor Angela Merkel, President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Stephen Harper rally for an energy-secure world in Brussels Tuesday. GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Girl in stabbing case may be mentally ill: Lawyer

**Alleged plot.** Two girls have been charged with first-degree attempted homicide in a stabbing to please a fictional Internet character

A 12-year-old girl accused of plotting to kill a friend to curry favour with a fictional Internet character shows signs of mental illness and should be in a hospital, her defence attorney said Tuesday.

The girl and another 12-year-old have been charged as adults with first-degree attempted homicide in a stabbing that nearly killed another child the same age.

The two girls reportedly said to investigators that they had plotted for months to kill their friend because a character called Slenderman required them to kill someone before they could become his "proxy."



Rescue workers take a stabbing victim to the ambulance in Waukesha, Wis. ABE VAN DYKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Both girls are being held at a juvenile detention centre. Anthony Cotton, the attorney for one girl, said a judge rejected his request Monday to have the girl transferred to a mental health facility, but he will renew that request when she returns to court next week.

"From what I know, we've got a young girl here who has

no previous criminal record at all, and if the record is accurate, probably suffers from very serious mental health issues," said Cotton.

Cotton said the girl's parents are trying to figure out whether there were any signs they may have missed.

The girls told investigators they read about Slenderman on

the horror website creepypasta.wikia.com. It's not clear whether they got access to the site at home or at school.

Both were charged Monday in Waukesha County Circuit Court; they each face up to 65 years in prison if convicted. A court commissioner set bail at \$500,000 cash per child.

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## 2 deaths. Highway crash broke family apart in an instant, survivor testifies

A young driver's decision to stop her car on a highway to help shoo along ducks dramatically changed the lives of an entire Quebec family, a jury trial in Montreal heard Tuesday.

Emma Czornobaj has pleaded not guilty to two counts each of criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving causing the deaths of Andre Roy, 50, and his 16-year-old daughter, Jessie. They are survived by Pauline Voliakakis, Andre Roy's wife of 20 years and Jessie's mother.

It should have been a quick 20-minute motorcycle ride home for Voliakakis and her family to cap off a glorious summer day in 2010. She and her husband were both driving motorcycles; their daughter was with Roy on his bike. Voliakakis fought back tears as she described how the lives of her husband and their only child ended so suddenly.

Crown prosecutors suggested Czornobaj's decision to come to a full stop to help



Accused Emma Czornobaj at the Montreal courthouse on Tuesday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

a family of ducks triggered a fatal accident when Roy's motorcycle slammed into her stationary car, sending the bike's occupants flying.

Court heard the car was stopped with the engine running and without emergency lights, on Highway 30, south of Montreal.

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# From stodgy to luxury: HBC's makeover pays off

**Hudson's Bay Company.**  
Canadian retailer gets a  
lift from Saks sales

The Hudson's Bay Company hopes a trend toward luxury goods will continue to boost its bottom line after swinging to a first-quarter profit on strong sales from Saks Fifth Avenue.

"We've been seeing a very strong, positive trend in luxury items — the more unique, the more expensive, the more special a product is, the greater the demand we seem to be getting, so that bodes well for Saks," HBC governor and CEO Richard Baker said during a conference call Tuesday to discuss first-quarter results.

HBC is on track to bring two Saks locations to Canada by the spring of 2016, he added, since the company sees "a substantial untapped opportunity for both luxury and off-price in Canada."

The Toronto-based retailer completed its acquisition of luxury U.S. retailer Saks late in

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were \$207 million in the quarter and included sales at Hudson's Bay Company, Saks and Lord & Taylor.

They accounted for 11 per cent of the company's overall sales in the quarter — a figure HBC is hoping to raise to 20 per cent over the next five years. One of the reasons HBC bought Saks last year was that its digital capabilities were more developed.

"The overall macro trend is greater movement of sales online, so I think we're very well-positioned for that," Baker said.

"HBC digital continues to show outstanding growth and we are already leveraging the team across the organization for this important channel," said Baker, adding that HBC expects customers to increasingly do online shopping as it adds to its digital offerings.

The national retailer's banners — Hudson's Bay, Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue and Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH — offer clothes, accessories, shoes, beauty and home merchandise. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

2013 for \$2.9 billion including debt.

Hudson's Bay reported first-quarter net earnings of \$176 million, up from a net loss of \$22 million in the year-ago period as retail sales jumped to \$1.85 billion, an increase of \$971 million year-over-year.

Digital sales, important to the company's future growth,



## PlayStation Portable is so 2009 ...

Models hold Sony PlayStation Portable video game machines during a promotional event in 2009 in Hong Kong. Sony Corp. is pulling the plug on its hand-held PlayStation Portable after 10 years. The Japanese electronics and entertainment company has been pushing the successor machine, PlayStation Vita. **KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

## Telecoms

### Canada's Rogers makes deal with U.K.'s Vodafone

The Vodafone Group of telecommunications companies has signed an exclusive Canadian partnership agreement with Rogers Communications.

Rogers chief executive Guy Laurence, who headed Vodafone UK until he joined Toronto-based Rogers, said the new partnership will be a big benefit to its customers.

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## Campaign

### FBI targets use of laser pointers aimed at planes

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## Instagram. Spend even more time editing pics

The photo-sharing app Instagram is adding editing tools that go beyond the vintage-looking filters that made it popular.

The Facebook-owned app said in a blog post Tuesday that users will be able to adjust the brightness, contrast, saturation and other features of photos they take with their smartphones.

The tools are available after downloading the newest version of Instagram, 6.0, on Android or Apple phones. The photo editing tools will appear under a wrench icon.

Instagram's filters can enhance photos or add a certain hue to them, to make them look like they were taken with a Polaroid camera in the 1970s. But as smartphone cameras have improved, many users have become more sophisticated about their snapshots. Some have turned to other apps with more powerful editing tools to fix photos before posting them on Instagram.

Instagram has more than 200 million users. It was founded in 2010 and acquired by Facebook in 2012.

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Instagram 6.0 offers more than just filters for your pics. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**



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# LIKE TIPPING, BUT WITHOUT THE TIP

It may cost more, especially when you add in the ferry ride to Vancouver Island, but we'll have to start having lunch at Smoke 'N Water, the new restaurant at the Pacific Shores Resort in Parksville.

Not only does the food look simple and good, Smoke 'N Water has a spectacular 6,000-gallon fish tank/aquarium.

Oh, and it's the first no-tipping restaurant in Canada.

Smoke 'N Water opened yesterday, and although I've been vigilantly scanning the Vancouver Island news, there are no reports of server riots or customer fainting spells. But it's still early.

As you may remember, I've written about tipping before, almost exactly a year ago, when a number of U.S. restaurants introduced a no-tipping policy. But this is Canada, land of peace, order and everything-should-stay-the-same.

Food-industry experts are calling owner David Jones naive



**JUST SAYIN'**  
**Paul Sullivan**  
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for his view that "tipping is a broken business model," but anyone who ever tries to do anything is naive. Until it succeeds.

Jones is going to actually pay his servers a living wage — between \$20 and \$24 an hour. Notoriously underpaid and overworked cooks will get \$16 to \$18. He'll even pay medical and dental, which is rare in Restaurantland.

Here's the hitch — prices will be about 18 per cent higher than the average. Jones is betting you'll pay roughly the same as you would if you left a tip just so you don't have to leave a tip.

So let's do the math. At \$24 an hour, that's \$192 for an eight-hour shift. If you're earning servers' minimum wage, which in B.C. is \$9 an hour, you make a base of \$72. You have to make up the rest on tips. Granted, servers can make well over \$100 a day on tips, but they have to do a lot of stupid server tricks to make sure they get one — pretend to love everything on the menu, put little smiley faces on the bill, hover anxiously and expectantly

## Naive like a fox

Jones is betting you'll pay roughly the same as you would if you left a tip just so you don't have to leave a tip.

while the customer figures out the 15 or 20 per cent.

This way, you get paid and retain your dignity. Crazy. It's too early to tell if this will set a trend or if Smoke 'N Water will turn into so much smoke-'n-water damage. But what's not to like? If you're a customer, you can walk into a restaurant expecting good service to be part of the, um, service, not requiring an extra bribe. If you're a server, you're a member of a fairly paid team that works together to provide a superior dining experience. Like a grown-up.

And if you're David Jones, columnists across the continent write about your new restaurant the day after it opens. Naive, eh?

## ZOOM

### Still life?



An ear made of human cells is grown from samples provided from a distant relative of Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh. U.S.-based artist Diemut Strebe said she wants to combine art and science with the installation.  
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### Replica of van Gogh's ear grown from relative's DNA

A German museum has put on display a copy of Vincent van Gogh's ear that was grown using some of the Dutch artist's genetic material.

The Center for Art and Media in Karlsruhe says the ear consists of living cells grown from samples provided by the great-great-grandson of van Gogh's brother. The museum says the genes are about 1/16th identical.

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## Ear-y legend

He's known as the tortured genius who cut off his own ear, but two German historians claim that van Gogh lost his ear in a fight with his friend and fellow artist Paul Gauguin, with whom he was hopelessly infatuated.

- The official version usually goes that the disturbed Dutch painter severed his left ear lobe with a razor blade in a fit of lunacy one evening shortly before Christmas 1888. Bleeding heavily, van Gogh then wrapped it in cloth, walked to a nearby bordello and presented the severed ear to a prostitute.
- A book argues that van Gogh may have made up the story to protect Gauguin, a keen fencer, who actually lopped it off with a sword during a heated argument.

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### Boston: Beyond the Affleck

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Boston is known for a lot of things: Mark Wahlberg, Ben Affleck, its local accent's dearth of R's and, unlike some places we could name, consistently successful sports teams.

Since the marathon bombings — and the resulting ascendancy of the "Boston Strong" meme — resilience has also become central to the city's identity. This video portrait goes beyond first glimpses of Beantown life and celebrates the city in all its stunning glory. Every town deserves this kind of



tribute. (Via Erik Rojas/Vimeo)





# SCENE 2

## Spy games

### Stone ready to polarize audiences once again

Oliver Stone will write and direct a film about Edward Snowden, one of two high-profile films in the works about the National Security Agency leaker.

Stone announced Monday that he plans to adapt "The Snowden Files: The Inside Story of the World's Most Wanted Man," a book by Guardian journalist Luke Harding.

The project pairs one of cinema's most controversial directors with one of the most explosive news events in recent years — one that is ongoing.

"This is one of the greatest stories of our time," Stone said in a statement.

He will have some deep-pocketed competition. Sony Pictures last month purchased the big-screen rights to Glenn Greenwald's "No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA and the U.S. Surveillance State."

The film is being produced by James Bond producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson.

Stone has advocated for the former NSA contract systems analyst, who is living in Russia on a temporary grant of asylum after leaking massive amounts of NSA documents to the media.

"To me, Snowden is a hero because he revealed secrets that we should all know, that the United States has repeatedly violated the Fourth Amendment," Stone said in a press conference at the Karlovy Vary Film Festival in the Czech Republic.

# Live. Die. Repeat.



Déjà vu for Tom Cruise and Emily Blunt as she explains why wearing all of that gear must feel like an eternity in their new movie *Edge of Tomorrow*. CONTRIBUTED

**Tomorrow, today, yesterday.** Latest Tom Cruise flick sees its own shadow in a recurring theme on the big screen



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"How many times have we been here," asks Rita (Emily

Blunt). "For me, it's been an eternity," replies William (Cruise) as he relives the same day of an alien invasion over and over.

*Edge of Tomorrow* is a time-loop movie that can best be described as *War of the Worlds* meets *Groundhog Day*.

In *Groundhog Day*, Bill Murray says, "Every morning I wake up without a scratch on me, not a dent in the fender. I am an immortal." His take on a drunk,

suicide-prone weatherman who discovers the beauty of life by living the same day endlessly may be the granddaddy of all Hollywood déjà vu stories, but many other movie characters have been caught in cinematic time circles.

The DVD cover for 2006's *Salvage* asks the question, "What if every day you relived your own murder?" Originally called *Gruesome* for the festival circuit, the movie is as grim as Bill Mur-

ray's film is life-affirming. Called a "digital video hell — spawn of *Psycho*, *Eyes Without a Face* and *Groundhog Day*," by *Variety*, *Salvage* is the story of Claire (Lauren Currie Lewis), a convenience store worker who undergoes her murder over and over. Despite its extremely low budget — star Lewis doubled as the film's make-up artist — *Salvage* was an official selection of the 2006 Sundance Festival.

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## The Word



### Hill backtracks after hurling homophobic slur at pap

MELINDA TAUB  
Metro World News

This could just as easily be titled "Paparazzo successfully baits Jonah Hill into losing his cool by insulting his shorts."

On Monday, a photographer pestering the comedy star caught him on tape using a homophobic slur (TMZ has the video). Hill, who was walking with friends in L.A., did his best to ignore the paparazzo, who was dancing around and shouting questions. "I

like the shorts, though, bro. They're pretty sexy," the photographer said at one point, apparently a swipe at Hill's flowery summer shorts. Hill eventually lost his cool and yelled, "Suck my d—, you f—," at the photographer.

On Tuesday, Hill, who's been known as a strong supporter of the LGBT community, went on The Howard Stern Show to offer his sincere apology for using the slur. "In that moment, I said a disgusting word that does not at all reflect how I feel about any group of people. I grew up with gay family members. I'm leaving here to go spend the day with one of my closest co-workers and best friend, who is gay, who's getting married, who I'm going to stand (with) at his wedding," Hill told Stern.

## Willis Scouting out the breast way to shed light on women's issues

Scout Willis was just trying to take a stand for women by walking around the streets of New York topless, guys.

It's not her fault that she's the daughter of famous people. "I understand that people don't want to take me seriously or would rather just write me off as an attention-seeking, over-privileged, ignorant white girl," she writes in an essay for xoJane, explaining that she wants to use her "financially privileged" background



Scout Willis

to help women overcome "body politics" issues.



Jennifer Lopez

### Jenny from the Block makes sure boyfriend won't talk

When you're Jennifer Lopez, it makes sense that certain precautions would need to be made before starting a relationship.

Among those precautions? Lopez reportedly had current boyfriend and choreographer Casper Smart sign a legal document forbidding him from discussing his and Lopez's relationship — personal or professional — with the media without her prior written approval, according to Radar Online. Lopez is "very savvy when it comes to business, but her love life is always filled with drama," a source says.

## Red-carpet prankster was trying to 'bury his face in my crotch,' Brad says

Brad Pitt is finally breaking his silence about his red carpet run-in with Ukrainian prankster Vitalii Sediuk at the Maleficent premiere last week.

"I was at the end of the line signing autographs, when out of the corner of my eye I saw someone stage-diving over the barrier at me," he tells People magazine in a statement.

"I took a step back. This guy had latched onto my lapels. I looked down and the nutter was trying to bury his face in my crotch, so I cracked him twice in the back of the head — not too hard, but enough to get his attention because he did let go. I think he was then just grabbing for a handhold because the guys were on him, and he reached up and caught my glasses."

The crotch-targeting is in line with Sediuk's style of prank, as he'd been caught sticking his head under America Ferrera's dress last month on a Cannes red carpet.

The disgraced TV reporter was sentenced to three years' probation, a year of counselling and a temporary



Brad Pitt ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

restraining order keeping him away from Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

"I don't mind an exhibitionist," Pitt insists. "But if this guy keeps it up, he's going to spoil it for the fans who have waited up all night for an autograph or a selfie, because it will make people more wary to approach a crowd. And he should know if he tries to look up a woman's dress again, he's going to get stomped."



Dina Lohan

## No jail time for DUI Dina

The mother of actress Lindsay Lohan won't go to jail for speeding and driving drunk on a New York highway.

A judge ordered Dina Lohan on Tuesday to pay over \$3,000 in fines and fees. She'll also perform 100 hours of community service and participate in an anti-drunk-driving program.

Lohan pleaded guilty in April to aggravated driving while intoxicated and speeding in Nassau County on Long Island in September. She has said she was fleeing paparazzi.

Police say Lohan was driving over 120 km/h in an almost 90 km/h zone. They say her blood-alcohol level was 0.20, more than double the legal limit. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Hoping to plan the ultimate mancation this summer but feel the Vegas Bachelor Party is overplayed? You'll find the perfect alternative at Travaasa Austin Experiential Resort, located in breezy Texas Hill Country.

Nestled against 210 acres of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, the resort offers a perfect playground for macho men who have a penchant for pampering.

Meals are served at Jean's Kitchen under the watchful eye of chef Benjamin Baker, who creates new menus each day to reflect the changing harvest.

His kitchen showcases produce from the resort's working organic farm, as well as locally sourced meat, fish and dairy to create flavourful, healthful meals with a Texas fusion flair.

Those who enjoy a splash in their glass will appreciate the top-notch sipping tequila, small batch bourbon and local Texas craft brews on offer at the bar.

The resort includes riding stables, a high ropes challenge course designed in partnership with Outward Bound, fitness centre, pump track, yoga studio, infinity-edge pool, dining room which spills onto a pretty



After a hard day on the ranch, kick back with tequila and meals made with produce from the resort's organic farm. PHOTOS: ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

patio, and a tranquil, 11-room award-winning spa.

Guests are encouraged to make the most of their vacation; relax by the pool and stretch out at morning yoga or dive right into the adrenaline rush via bike pump track and giant swing.

Those looking for an active adventure will find a dizzying number of activities to choose from. Start by holding your breath while

walking the tight rope at the Prickly Pear Challenge Course before soaring through the treetops on a 250-foot-long zip line. Cyclists will find their own slice of nirvana while whizzing through a 100-square-foot Pump Track specializing in jump biking.

And no trip to Texas is complete unless you've saddled up, so be sure to stop by the equine centre with

your cowboy boots. Hop on a friendly quarter horse for a guided trail ride, which includes a splash in a quiet creek and zig-zag adventure up a hillside dotted with oak and mountain juniper.

Finish the trip by treating yourself at Travaasa's award-winning wellness spa. Male guests indulge in treatments in the Western Sky Room, lined with reclaimed Douglas fir planks from an

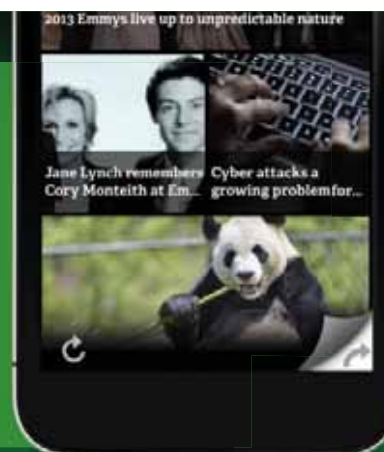
old Texas elementary school and Loblolly pine from a local library.

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# Flanders Fields tour not one to forget

**Belgium.** 100 years on, the gravity of the Great War comes to life while wandering through Ypres

Crimson poppies still dance in the breeze as if nothing horrific happened in Flanders Fields of Ypres. But a century after the start of the First World War, the flowers endure as a symbol of the dead, in part because of a celebrated poem:

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow — Between the crosses, row on row."

The famous flowers are among many reminders of the region's connection to the Great War. Amid monuments and headstones in this western corner of Belgium, Flanders' eerie landscapes, trenches and bunkers continue to evoke the soldiers who died here by the hundreds of thousands. As care-free 21st century travel goes, a tour of Flanders Fields packs a punch that can long stay with you.

The haunting poem, *In Flanders Fields*, was written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, a doctor from Guelph, Ont., who ran a field hospital during the war. During a recent wreath-laying ceremony at the massive Tyne Cot burial grounds to honour the dead, the poem was read aloud by a student visiting with a group from St. George's Academy in Sleaford, England.

"The kids are really moved by it," said teacher Charlotte Tilley. "We had about half a dozen crying."

One stunning aspect of a visit here is the region's beauty and serenity. A spectacular springtime has turned the once barren, muddy battlegrounds lush with ripening wheat fields and pastures where cattle chew



The Trenches of Death in Diksmuide, Belgium, are well preserved. ALL PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

thick grass.

Walk through Ypres, which has four battles named for it, and you'd be forgiven for thinking you're in a splendidly preserved medieval town with a Gothic hall, gabled houses and spires. But what was left of the town on Nov. 11, 1918 — when the war ended — were stumps, rubble and vague memories where homes once stood. Ypres' second battle saw the first use of chemical weapons in warfare, and its third, named for the tiny village of Passchendaele, saw 150,000 men die in 100 days.

Some wanted Ypres to stay in ruins as remembrance. The people immediately decided otherwise and started rebuilding, "as if there never had been a war. It was very much a psychological reaction," said Piet Chielens, the co-ordinator of the In Flanders Fields museum, which is housed in the rebuilt neo-Gothic hall on the marketplace.

"Ypres immediately became a centre of remembrance. The

first tourists and pilgrims arrived in early spring of 1919," said Chielens.

Massive crowds are expected this year. "We believe there will be something like half a million visitors this year coming from at least 70 different nations," Chielens said.

Even ahead of the official start of the centenary in August, hundreds, sometimes a few thousand, flock to the 8 p.m. playing of the Last Post, the daily salute at Ypres' Menin Gate, where walls list 54,000 soldiers who perished but were never found.

The deafening silence once the bugle stops playing is a must in remembrance tourism, as is the In Flanders Fields Museum. But visitors should also take time away from the ceremonies and crowds to wander across the flat fields dotted with low-flung ridges where so many fought and died.

"The real museum is still out there," said Chielens. "The traces, the scars in the landscape, the numerous

**If you go...**

For more information on visiting Flanders Fields, go to [visitflanders.us](http://visitflanders.us).

monuments and cemeteries that will give you that sense of loss and tragedy."

It might be a tiny cemetery where only dozens of soldiers lie, a rain-sodden trench, or a derelict German bunker.

The city of Diksmuide has the Ijzertoren memorial with sweeping views of battlefields from atop its 84-metre (275-foot) tower. Nearby, the warren of Dodengang trenches brings the claustrophobia of war home, even if it no longer has the rats, stench and enemy within shouting distance.

Yet tourists should not limit their trip to pondering war. "You learn to understand what the importance of living and enjoying life is after you have been confronted with the experience," Chielens said.



Red poppies were first symbolized as a means of remembrance by Canadian First World War soldier and surgeon Lt. Col. John McCrae.



Tyne Cot is the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world in terms of burials, with 11,956 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried there.

For kids, that might mean a visit to the Bellewaerde theme park. For grown-ups, gastronomy stands out. Those with money and sense to reserve ahead should try In De Wulf, considered one of the world's best restaurants, in the village of Dranouter, close to the Kemmel Ridge battle site. You might spot a chef picking flowers in the fields that will turn up on your dinner plate, or you might be served, as a vegetable, shoots from hop plants used in brew-

ing the region's famous beer.

For tourists, there's nothing like a summer's evening with a Hommelbier or St. Bernardus Tripel on a terrace to let the day sink in. And while the memory of those fluttering poppies may fade, the sense of what happened here will likely grow stronger. As McCrae wrote:

"If ye break faith with us who die — We shall not sleep, though poppies grow — In Flanders fields."

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## ON THE MOVE

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What kind of traveller are you? Take this quiz, and add up your score (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) to find out.

## 1. Your dream destination is:

- a) Paris
- b) Machu Picchu
- c) Las Vegas
- d) The family cottage

## 2. Which of the following appeals to you most:

- a) A week on the Queen Mary
- b) Cooking school in Italy
- c) The same place you went last year
- d) A week at your cousin Ed's house

## 3. Of the following, you would not leave home without bringing:

- a) Your tuxedo
- b) Your Spanish/English dictionary
- c) Your Bubba cup cooler mug
- d) Your own soap

## 4. Your idea of wild adventure is:

- a) A hot-air balloon ride
- b) Bungee jumping
- c) Playing a round on your favourite golf course
- d) Camping

## 5. You prefer to book your travel:

- a) With your favourite travel agent
- b) After months of research
- c) Online
- d) You prefer to play it by ear

## 6. When you travel you have to bring home:

- a) Jewelry
- b) A painting by a local artist
- c) A T-shirt with the destination written on the front
- d) A bumper sticker

## 7. When you think of your favourite vacation, what made it so?

- a) It was totally relaxing
- b) The interesting people you met
- c) You ate all of your favourite foods
- d) You had fun and it cost you next to nothing

If you scored between:

## 22-28 points

The Bespoke Traveller: When you go on holiday, you don't want to worry about a thing. You want every detail taken care of. Think the St. Regis Hotel in New York, sipping champagne in France and heli-skiing in the Rockies.

## 15-21 points

An Experience-hungry Traveller: Travel for you is all about learning new things and seeing new destinations. Think renting a villa in Italy, eating fish you caught yourself in Grenada and spending a day wandering a local market in Bali.

## 8-14 points

The Repeat Offender: An annual week-long vacation is enough to satisfy your wanderlust. You scratched Europe off your bucket list when you went backpacking after college. Every year you go to an all-inclusive because it's easy and fun.

## Less than 8 points

The Travel Mooch: A holiday



Heli-skiing in the Rockies? You're a Bespoke Traveller! TOURISM BC

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# Cruise your way through culture shock caused by any new cubicle

**It's a new job, it's a new day, and you're feeling good.** Don't be daunted by the difference in atmosphere from one office to the next

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If you're ready to make a career move, transitioning from one office to another can be a challenge. You've done your homework on Company X and have the skill set to succeed in your new role, but the everyday details of your new environment are a mystery.

Organizational culture is the overall system of beliefs, behaviours, customs and dynamics that make up the identity of a workplace.

There are as many different types of culture as there are companies, so how do you prepare yourself for success if your past and present work cultures are like night and day?

Here are seven useful tips to ensure a smooth transition and help you overcome any office culture shock.

Before you get there

1. Establish a cultural checklist. Make a list of the qualities you liked and disliked about your last workplace to figure out which cultural qualities you need at the office in order to thrive (like an open-door policy with management) and those you can live without (lunchtime yoga classes). Developing your sense of self-awareness can help to inform your future career strategy.

2. Identify what Company X's online presence is like.



Are the people around you sharing stories about their weekend or are they talking about work? The level of personal interaction at a workplace can reflect whether a culture values building community or growing the bottom line. iSTOCK

## Party with your pod

**Establishing personal connections can sometimes be a challenge at larger organizations, so getting involved outside of the office can help you build social capital.**

Are they active on social media? Do they have a blog? Does their website feature staff photos or personal bios? If an online culture is fun and interactive it may reflect a youthful culture offline. If their online presence is more formal, offline culture could be by the book.

3. Ask strategic questions during an interview to get an idea of how your cultural checklist might fit with theirs. Targeted questions that touch on issues like work/life balance can offer you a glimpse of their cul-

tural expectations and help you determine whether you can get behind them. Potential questions include: "What does the busiest time of year look like?" and "Which teams will I be interacting with?"

Once you arrive

4. Embark on a "culture walk" around the office and look for artifacts that implicitly tell a company story. Family photos on desks, accomplishments on office walls, memos on bulletin boards and the arrangement

of furniture can all provide insights. Market-driven cultures typically have financial goals and targets displayed in plain view on whiteboards. Highly collaborative cultures might have open-concept work areas where desks are arranged into clusters.

5. Listen to the conversations happening around the office. You can discern culture by the way work is communicated. Are projects assigned primarily through email or is your manager more likely to stop by your desk to chat about it in person?

6. Find a mentor who can help you navigate office norms and habits. Invite them out for coffee as a way to get to know them better and learn more about their time with Company X.

7. Ask around about social initiatives and activities at the organization, such as volunteer programs or organized sports leagues. Establishing personal connections can sometimes be a challenge at larger organizations, so getting involved outside of the office can help you build social capital. The initiatives a company is involved with can also be a great indication of their cultural values.

Remember, adjusting to a new role always takes some time. Be patient with the process and be proud of yourself for moving on to the next step in your career path!

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**@EDSPowell**

It seems to be expected, though I know some people worry about applying remotely and getting screened out!

**@Recruit\_Campus**

I'm more concerned about including your LinkedIn URL, appropriate email address & phone # with VM.

**@EvanBirtch**

You'd figure with most correspondence via email you wouldn't need it, but it would look weird w/o it

**@IronWhisk**

No. Just your city is best. You don't want to scare away potential employers because you're "far"

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# Colourful vegetables and tortillas stack up to a hill-of-beans snack

## Mixed Vegetable and Bean Tortilla Stack.

Chock full of vegetables, this vegetarian meal is colourful and perfect for a weeknight



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Make dinner fun and easy with lots of colour with vegetables. Dinner will look good and taste great with easy pantry staples that you can put together in no time at all. While the stack is baking, be sure to put together an easy green salad or coleslaw to enjoy alongside.

Using fresh herbs and vegetables helps bring summer into the kitchen.

Keep a stash of canned beans in your kitchen for quick meals or snacks. This is a great after-school snack for kids to enjoy to keep them satisfied until dinner is ready. Get them involved and cooking by chopping vegetables and putting the stack together; you save time, and they will learn important life skills.

1. In nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook pep-

## FLASH FOOD



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### Ingredients

- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 small red bell pepper, diced
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) diced red onion
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) chili powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) corn kernels (cut from 1 cob of corn or frozen)
- 1 can (19 oz/540 ml) white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 small whole wheat flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) shredded cheddar cheese

### Topping:

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) plain 0% yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1 tomato, diced

per, zucchini, onion, garlic, chili powder and cumin, stirring for about 8 minutes or until very soft. Remove from heat and stir in corn; set aside.



**COOK TIME**  
ABOUT 25  
MINUTES

This recipe makes four servings. Make two stacks for a bigger crowd and added leftovers. EMILY RICHARDS

2. Meanwhile, in shallow dish, mash beans with potato masher until fairly smooth. Stir in vegetable mixture until combined.

3. Lay 1 flour tortilla onto a small baking sheet and

spread with half of the bean mixture. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. Repeat once and top with final tortilla.

4. Topping: Spread yogurt over top of tortilla and sprin-

kle with cheese. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until edges are crispy and filling is hot. Remove from oven and sprinkle with cilantro and tomato.

5. Cut in quarters to serve.

### Cooking tip

- Use a serrated knife to make it easier to cut into this stack.

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## Versatile farro and veggies



This recipe serves six people. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Ingredients

#### Dressing:

- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped seedless cucumber
- 1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh chives
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh tarragon, dill or parsley

#### Salad:

- 2 cups cooked farro (follow package directions)
- 1 cup cooked shelled edamame
- 1 cup coarsely shredded carrots
- 1 cup coarsely shredded radishes
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese (optional)

Farro and vegetable salad with cucumber ranch dressing is versatile. If you have carnivores coming for dinner, you can bulk it up with chicken or shrimp.

1. In a blender, combine the cucumber, mayonnaise, buttermilk, garlic, lemon juice, oil and salt and pepper, to taste. Puree until smooth. Stir in the

chives and tarragon, then transfer to a jar and set aside.

2. In a large bowl, toss together the farro, edamame, carrots and radishes. Season with salt and pepper.

3. To serve, add the feta to the salad, if using. Toss the salad with two thirds of the dressing, then divide among 6 serving plates. Serve the extra dressing on the side. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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For Metro

This week, Canadians are participating in community and national events designed to celebrate, appreciate and teach us about caring for our environment.

Environment Week, from June 1 to 7, is an annual event that inspires preservation, protection and restoration of our environment. This year's theme is Strengthening Our

Environment for Today and Tomorrow, but this grassroots celebration has strong roots to our country's past.

The concept dates back to 1970, when a growing concern about pollution led to the notion that Canada should devote one week each year to focus on the environment.

"Canadians spend about half as much time outside as they did a couple generations ago, and more than six hours of screen time each day.

Environment Week events provide opportunities to re-



Environment Week (June 1-7) aims to draw attention to the challenges our environment is facing today. SHUTTERSTOCK

place screen time with green time and get involved in environmental causes in their community," says Jode Roberts, spokesperson from the David Suzuki Foundation, one of the country's leading environmental organizations.

There are celebrations hap-

pening all across the country throughout the week to bring awareness to the challenges our environment faces today and what we need to do for a more environmentally-friendly tomorrow. Here are just two of the key events:

World Environment Day on

Thursday is an opportunity to recognize the progress we've made when it comes to caring for our environment, but also reminds us all that our efforts must continue throughout the year. The philosophy is that every effort to protect and preserve our environment counts,

whether it's big or small.

Thursday is also Clean Air Day, a time to promote the importance of clean air, and prompt all Canadians to continue making changes in the way we live to help reduce the impact of our environmental footprint.

## The creative commuter: How to shrink your eco footprint

With the warm, sunny weather finally here, many Canadians are taking the opportunity to reflect on the environmental impacts of their daily routines. For commuters especially, summer's imminent arrival provides a perfect backdrop for Canadian Environment Week, which encourages everyone to play a role in protecting the natural world by choosing eco-

friendly transportation.

Enjoying an environmentally-conscious commute is not only good for the Earth, but also for your physical and mental health. Cycling in to work has never been easier, as ever-expanding networks of bike paths help make Canadian cities more and more friendly for pedallers. Even if your entire route to work is not cycle-safe,

biking to a convenient transit stop and hopping on board a bus or train offers an eco-friendly alternative to driving.

If taking the car is a must, a carpool or ride share provides opportunities to socialize with fellow commuters, reduce congestion on the roads, and decrease smog and greenhouse-gas emissions.

While your choice of trans-

portation has vast environmental impacts, there is more to your commute than the wheels that get you to work on time. Incorporating sustainable choices into morning rituals such as packing a lunch and a cup of coffee can make a small but important difference. Rather than plastic wrap or tinfoil, for instance, try reusable containers. Similarly,

buying snacks in bulk helps reduce your environmental footprint.

And rather than carrying your new food containers in a plastic bag, try a reusable one made of canvas or recycled materials. They're trendy, washable, can be personalized, and will last much longer than a plastic bag.

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### Commuter challenge

- The Commuter Challenge runs June 1 to 7, and encourages Canadians to leave their cars at home. You can find more information and register your workplace at [commuterchallenge.ca](http://commuterchallenge.ca).

## UP SOME BASEMENT SPACE

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# HALIFAX



# Bouncing back into a Grand Slam semi

**French Open.** Bouchard sets up match against 2012 champ Sharapova; Raonic falls to Djokovic in quarter-finals

Eugenie Bouchard is preparing for her second straight Grand Slam semifinal. Fellow Canadian Milos Raonic is still looking to reach his first.

Bouchard defeated Spain's Carla Suarez Navarro 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-5 at the French Open on Tuesday. The match was completed a couple hours before Raonic came up short in his bid to reach the men's final four, dropping a 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-4 decision to Novak Djokovic of Serbia.

Next up for Bouchard, a 20-year-old from Westmount, Que., is a meeting with Maria Sharapova. The 2012 champion from Russia advanced with a 1-6, 7-5, 6-1 over Garbine Muguruza of Spain.

"I'm very content with a win like this," said Bouchard. "It was a battle throughout. She played very well especially on long points."

"The last set was key for me. I'm really excited to be playing Sharapova in a big match here."

Bouchard was the third Canadian woman to reach the Roland Garros quarter-finals after Carling Bassett-Seguso (1984, 1986) and Helen Kelesi (1988, 1989). Bouchard and



Eugenie Bouchard celebrates winning her French Open quarter-final match against Carla Suarez Navarro in Paris on Tuesday. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bassett-Seguso are the only players to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam, the latter doing so at the 1984 US Open.

Earlier this year, Bouchard reached the Australian Open semifinals but lost to eventual champion Li Na of China. Sylvain Bruneau, the captain of the Canadian Fed Cup team, said Bouchard learned from that experience and is comfortable in the spotlight.

"I expect her to be able to really raise her (game), to real-

## Her finer points

# 46

Eugenie Bouchard finished her match Tuesday with 46 winners, 38 unforced errors and breaks on six of 14 chances.

ly play her best tennis against Sharapova," he said. "Really be in the moment and not be caught up with anything else (except) the ball and the next

point."

As for Raonic, the No. 8 seed from Thornhill, Ont., went toe-to-toe with Djokovic over the first two sets before fading in the third. The Canadian fired 21 aces but converted only one of two break opportunities.

The second-seeded Djokovic was broken while serving for the victory at 5-2, but the veteran closed it out two games later when a Raonic forehand sailed wide. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## NBL Canada

### Rainmen re-sign coach Hodges

A familiar face will be back manning the sidelines for the Halifax Rainmen next season.

The National Basketball League of Canada franchise announced on Tuesday that they have

re-signed Craig Hodges as head coach for the 2014-15 campaign. "We're extremely

excited to have our leader back," Rainmen owner Andre Levingston said in a release. "Craig did a great job for us and our players loved playing for someone with his pedigree and knowledge of the game."

The former 10-year NBA veteran took over as coach last December after the Rainmen came out of the gates a dismal 0-6.

With Hodges at the helm, the Rainmen finished the remainder of the regular season 16-28 and advanced to the league semifinals.

"I loved being in Halifax last season and I look forward to building on the success we ended the season on," Hodges said in a statement. "The fans were passionate, and I can't wait to get back there to start working."

The Rainmen say they are currently scouting free agents for next season and preparing for the NBL Canada draft in Toronto in August.

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# Kings, Rangers have taken long roads to final



Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist skates during a practice session on Tuesday at Staples Center in Los Angeles. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

It's taken the Kings 21 playoff games and the Rangers 20 to get to this Stanley Cup final. They have survived five Game 7s along the way.

But in truth, the journey started a lot longer ago.

The ride cost Los Angeles forward Jeff Carter his two front teeth. Ask him how it happened and he digs deep into the memory bank.

"Couple of separate incidents," he said, flashing a smile with a gap that would accommodate a quarter. The back story gets a little fuzzy after that, although a puck to the mouth was involved.

Kings goalie Jonathan Quick changed allegiance on

## Going the distance

# 26

The Kings are nearing the record for most playoff games in a season. The current mark is 26, set by the 1987 Philadelphia Flyers and 2004 Calgary Flames. The most games by a Cup winner is 25, by the 2006 Carolina Hurricanes and 2011 Boston Bruins.

his road. He grew up a Rangers fan in Milford, Conn., and remembers watching Mike Richter and Mark Messier lead the Blueshirts to the 1994 Stanley Cup.

He recalls having a couple of friends over for Game 7. He

was eight years old.

On Wednesday, Carter, Quick and the Kings go after their second Stanley Cup in three seasons with the underdog New York Rangers standing in their way. New York is back in the final for the first time in 20 years.

On media day Tuesday, Los Angeles GM Dean Lombardi took a playful swipe at New York, noting he had worked in Philadelphia for three years.

"Part of the qualifications for that job was I had to learn to hate the Rangers in a hurry," he said.

The hate is on for real Wednesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**





Spurs coach Gregg Popovich will try to craft a scheme to slow down Heat superstar LeBron James when the NBA Finals get underway on Thursday night in San Antonio. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

# Spurs get an opportunity for payback

**NBA Finals.** San Antonio remembers Miami's narrow comeback victory in finals of 2013

When last season's NBA Finals ended, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich was all smiles.

For a few minutes, that is. Popovich's first order of business after the season's final buzzer sounded in Miami was to go and embrace Erik Spoelstra, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, giving everyone hearty hugs and offering genuine words of congratulations after the Heat topped his Spurs in Game 7 of one of the most dramatic, thrilling championship series in league history.

The pain of losing started setting in later, and lasted for months. But now, the dream scenario for San Antonio has arrived.

Starting Thursday, the Spurs get a rematch in the NBA Finals against the only team to ever beat them in a championship series. San Antonio will be holding home-court advantage, so if another Game 7 awaits, the Spurs will have the decided edge this time around. If that wasn't enough, the Spurs even got basically five full days between games to get healthy and prepare.

It is, without question, everything the Spurs could have wanted.

Losing the finals is one thing. Losing the way the Spurs did last June, that's something else. Game 6 will be replayed for as long as there are replays, unforgettable for both how the Heat rallied and how the Spurs collapsed. A 10-point lead going into the fourth quarter was erased, in part because Mike Miller scored three points on one shot while wearing one shoe. And a five-point lead with 28.2 seconds left, well, you know the rest.

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**Tony Parker**

## Spurs guard expected to play Game 1

Tony Parker plans to play in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

The San Antonio Spurs open their rematch with the Miami Heat on Thursday, and their star point guard is nursing a balky left ankle.

"He's getting better every day, and I expect him to play," coach Gregg Popovich said Tuesday.

Parker aggravated the injury Saturday, missing the second half of San Antonio's series-clinching victory over Oklahoma City in the Western Conference finals.

Parker didn't practice Tuesday, but said he expects to be back Wednesday.

"I always try to be honest with (coach Gregg Popovich)," Parker said. "He knows, but if I'm 50 per cent I'll try to play. If I'm under 50 per cent, we can argue."

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**Hard lessons**

"I try to learn something every game I watch. That's what we do."

Gregg "Pop" Popovich, coach of the San Antonio Spurs, on watching replays of Games 6 and 7 of the 2013 finals

# Ninth-inning slugfest ends with Jays win



Blue Jays pitcher Drew Hutchison throws a pitch on Tuesday. CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a game that was scoreless until the ninth inning, Brett Lawrie's three-run homer highlighted a big burst for the Toronto Blue Jays in a 5-3 win over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

After eight innings of crisp, scoreless baseball between the AL East and AL Central leaders, both bullpens came unglued in the ninth. The Blue Jays broke through against Joe Nathan (2-2).

J.D. Martinez hit a three-

run homer with two outs in the ninth for the Tigers. Casey Janssen came on and struck out Don Kelly for his ninth save in 10 chances.

Detroit's Anibal Sanchez and Toronto's Drew Hutchison each pitched seven impressive innings.

Dustin McGowan (3-2) worked the eighth for the win. Lawrie went deep off AL Alburquerque for his ninth homer of the year.

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**FIFA**

## Brazilian squad whets appetite on Panamanians

Neymar scored one goal and set up two others to help Brazil defeat Panama 4-0 in a World Cup warm-up match on Tuesday.

"We have to understand that we haven't played together for nearly three months and we only had seven days to prepare so far," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said. "We didn't play well in the beginning but I liked the team's performance during the rest of the match." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Looming strike. CFL rejects latest offer from players' association

**Audible**

"We understand they're serious but we'd like to see football."

CFL commissioner Mark Cohon on stalled negotiations between players and the league

The CFL is one step closer to a work stoppage after the league rejected the union's most recent offer, the president of the CFL Players' Association said Tuesday.

"I think we are," Scott Flory said in a phone interview. "I think it's safe to say we are."

The players tabled a new offer on Monday that called for a shorter term and included concessions on the salary cap and the amount of revenue that would trigger the

renegotiation of the deal.

The two sides haven't met face-to-face since Thursday and no new talks are scheduled.

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## 2015 Nissan Micra

- **Type.** Five-door, front-wheel drive subcompact hatchback
- **Engines (hp).** 1.6-litre inline four-cylinder (109)
- **Transmissions.** Five-speed manual, four-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$11,399

## Market position

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## Points

- Very successful global car. Currently sold in 160 countries — but not currently in the U.S.
- Nissan Canada took three years to develop this exclusive-to-Canada version, based on European-market Micra.
- Shares platform with larger Nissan Versa Note Hatchback.
- No 6-speeds, CVTs, heated



This subcompact hatchback is based on a European model.

seats or navigation availability keeps prices down.

## Safety

Six standard air bags; standard front/rear disc/drum brakes with ABS and Electronic Brake force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist; standard traction control and stability control; standard anchors and tethers for child seats; available rear backup camera and monitor.

# Nissan Micra: Small is a virtue

**Review.** Short and purposeful, the Micra is a Napoleon Dynamite

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Small cars have a hard time in North America, the land of the Denny's Grand Slam Breakfast and the 7-Eleven Big Gulp: If we can finish it, you didn't make it big enough.

But a new breed of small cars has been winning fans recently, due to their new-found features and hip styling, which were heretofore only available in larger, more expensive cars. But some of this nice stuff has pushed prices to where many small cars no longer wear small price tags.

Enter the 2015 Nissan Micra. At \$9,998, it has the lowest base price of any new vehicle available in Canada. (Destination and PDI charges are \$1,400.)

Micra's pricing advantage gets diminished once you move off that S base model with the 5-speed manual transmission. Add automatic transmission, air conditioning and cruise, and you're looking at another \$3,000 or so.

But pricing always stays low



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The five-speed manual is smooth and quick to shift, and feels zippy over all.

It also handles well, due to the European-spec suspension, with an additional sway bar. The Canadian Micra is the only Micra in the world with both front and rear sway bars.

The rear accommodations are predictably tight for a car that stretches just 3.8 metres. But the upside is great agility, and more parking opportunities around town.

Its turning radius is also ridiculously short. You can easily turn around in the middle of most side streets. Sometimes it's good to be small.

You have to hand it to Nissan for finding this low-cost gap in the market, and for wanting to exploit it to get more new customers into the Nissan fold — customers that traditionally might have gone to the used market. Nissan even has a special financing program, just for first-time buyers that choose Micra — no previous credit history required.

and lovely on all three trim levels (S, SV and SR).

The main point is that Nissan gives you a sub-\$10,000 option and others don't.

Micra also turns out to be to a great little vehicle. I recently

took a very-white, top-level SR model out for a twirl, and was surprised by how much fun it was to drive.

The five-speed manual was smooth and quick to shift, and the 106-hp 1.6-litre engine was

torque-y and very agreeable to being revved.

Overall, it feels zippy, which is actually preferable to a car that might be more zippy, but doesn't transmit that feeling to the driver.

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A concept vehicle with high-strength steel components. CONTRIBUTED

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## High-strength steel.

Automakers can use several grades in a vehicle for optimum performance

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Automakers face two major challenges when they build vehicles. Cars must be strong enough to protect occupants in a crash, but they must also be as lightweight as possible to meet stringent fuel-economy standards.

One product that addresses both issues is high-strength steel, which itself is constantly being improved for better performance.

"There are different types and grades, with unique microstructural characteristics that engineers build into the product," says Ron Watkins, president of the Canadian Steel Producers Association. "It's a tremendous amount of work, but the auto industry is always looking for fuel efficiency."

Steel becomes stronger through three factors: alloys such as manganese, boron or silicon that are added to the molten steel mix; continuous slab production to ensure each section receives the same heating and cooling treatment; and "work hardening," when stamping or forming parts, which alters steel's structure.

By adjusting the ingredients used, or the way the steel is processed, steelmakers can produce various strengths, including the strongest advanced high-strength steel (AHSS). Auto manufacturers may use several grades in a vehicle, depending on each component's function and where it's located, for optimum performance.

In a crash, cars need to crumple progressively, gradually absorbing the crash

## All about steel

- Automakers first started using high-strength steel in the 1970s, when a gas crisis made fuel efficiency a priority with buyers.
- Steel strength is measured in megapascals (MPa). Regular steel is around 300 MPa, while high-strength steel usually ranges from 590 to 780. Some advanced steels can go as high as 1,800 MPa.
- Steel's thickness used to be measured in gauge, with higher numbers indicating thinner panels, but it's now more common to measure it in millimetres.

energy so it isn't transmitted to the occupants. Different steel grades can be used to create this gradual crunch, with the highest-strength steel used in the passenger compartment, which has to remain intact and uncrushed.

AHSS is more expensive than conventional steel, but because it's so much stronger, automakers use less of it overall. In some cases, a component made of AHSS could be as strong as one made of regular steel, but contain 20 to 35 per cent less material, which helps to offset the high-strength steel's extra cost. The major benefit is that the car now weighs less, which improves fuel efficiency.

So why not make the whole car out of it? It comes down to selecting the most appropriate product for each component, how strong it needs to be, and the price. A hood doesn't have a heavy load requirement, for example, so an automaker is more likely to make a lightweight version out of lower-cost aluminum than higher-priced AHSS.

## The three R's

**"Cars are shredded and reduced back down to basic steel again. It's infinitely recyclable."**

Ron Watkins, president of the Canadian Steel Producers Association, on the ability to melt down high-strength steel with any other grade of scrap steel to form a new product



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# Shift: Electric vehicles get a charge out of new markets and great ratings, lightening up on fuel and on roads

## Tesla eyes Chinese production

California's Tesla Motors says it will build cars in China within three to four years specifically for that growing market, but not in lieu of building them in the United States. That's in addition to current U.S. production, says CEO Elon Musk.

Tesla plans to spend "hundreds of millions of dollars" building a plant and installing a "big" network of battery charging stations in China, reports Bloomberg News Service. While a location wasn't announced, Musk said local production in that country would allow Tesla to sell cars at cheaper prices there by avoiding China's 25 per cent import tariff on vehicles built outside its borders.



Tesla plans to produce the Model S in China, but for that market only. U.S. production for North America would remain, says the company's CEO. ALL PHOTOS AND TEXT WHEELBASE MEDIA

## BMW electric a 'goer' in two guises

Not only is the electric i3 city car different from every other vehicle BMW has ever made, it is also the most efficient, with its U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rating of 117 miles per U.S. gallon-equivalent for the car on battery power alone, 39 mpg once running on its twin-cylinder gasoline generator, and an electric range of 115 kilometres.

By comparison, observes auto enthusiast news website, Motor Authority, those electric numbers are slightly lower than the lighter, all-electric i3, which gets 124 MPGe and has an 130-kilometre range. The range-extended numbers are even higher than the leading range-extended car on the market, the Chevrolet Volt, which returns 98 MPGe and 37 mpg combined on its four-cylinder engine.



The i3 city car is rated at 117 miles per U.S. gallon in electric-only mode.

## Shift points

- Chrysler will be the only brand under the newly restructured Fiat Chrysler Automobiles to offer a minivan, and will also be the first to offer plug-in hybrid vehicles. Under a new five-year plan, Chrysler will serve the mainstream audience.
- Despite announcing that production of its Insight hybrid will end this year, Honda says no production changes are planned for its Civic CR-Z and Civic Hybrid models, and that it is committed to the expansion of its hybrid offerings in North America.
- Mercedes-Benz is considering the use of three-cylinder engines for hybrid applications in future compact vehicles, reports Car and Driver magazine.

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# Escape with this sporty, comfy ride

## Second gear. 2008 to 2012 Ford Escape

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Selection, style and capability were arguably the biggest draws to the outgoing generation of the Ford Escape. With four- and six-cylinder power, front- or all-wheel drive, generous ground clearance and a large span of options, this Canadian favourite offered a variation that was just right for virtually any shopper.

All models were five-seaters, and featured Ford Sync, steering-wheel audio controls, heated leather, a sunroof and automatic climate control. Key competitors included the Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and Nissan Rogue.

### The test drive

Approach your used Escape looking for signs of transmission trouble, including hard shifting, flaring or slipping during gear changes. Ensure the unit shifts between drive and reverse as quickly as you'd expect.

Though most Escape models in the used market won't have any transmission issues, shoppers are advised to ensure the transmission on the used Escape operates as expected and have a mechanical inspection completed regardless. Also, an issue with the transmission cooler may cause a potentially damaging fluid leak.

Shoppers are also advised to check the paint for signs of peeling or rust, ensure the air conditioner works properly, and have

the tires checked for signs of excessive wear or alignment issues.

Double check proper operation of the remote key fobs, all power windows and the rear tailgate hatch struts — making sure the latter hold the tailgate open. Also, be sure to inspect the engine for oil level, condition and signs of oil leakage.

### What owners like



Performance from the V6 engine, off-road capability with four-wheel drive, a sporty and comfortable ride and a flexible interior were all rated highly by owners. A commanding driving position and comfortable seats are also praised.

### What owners dislike



Common complaints include "gear hunting," noisy engines, poor performance from the factory stereo system and higher-than-expected levels of road noise.

### Engines



Look for a 2.5-litre, four-cylinder and 3-litre V6 on most models, with power output rated at 171 and 240 horsepower, respectively. Note that less-powerful 4- and 6-cylinder engines from the previous-generation Escape were used for the first year of this new-generation model.



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### The verdict

Transmission problems and leaks dull the appeal of the much-loved last-generation Escape slightly. Shoppers set on this generation Escape are advised to seek out a dealer-maintained model with a good portion of remaining factory warranty, opting for extended powertrain warranty coverage if their budget allows.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Material matters may be taking up a great deal of your time but don't focus on them to the exclusion of everything else. Balance your pursuit of success with something of a more spiritual nature.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Current influences make you intensely ambitious but don't forget you have limits like everyone else. Make sure you know what they are.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Keep what you know to yourself today, especially if the knowledge you have been given could be dangerous to people in positions of power. There is a time to rock the boat but that time is not yet.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You won't have to try too hard to make an impression today. Colleagues know what you are capable of but even people in positions of power are beginning to see there is something special about you.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to raise your sights and pursue interests that are worthy of your time and your energy. What they may be should be a little clearer after today.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You are determined to do something different, but you need to get started now. Come the weekend, Mercury turns retrograde, and all sorts of obstacles will be placed in your way.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It will pay you to be a little less independent over the next few days. Just because you don't like certain people does not mean you can't work with them.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You seem to be under quite a bit of pressure at the moment and that pressure will build over the next few days. Make life easier by taking nothing too seriously, least of all yourself.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may have certain duties to fulfill but that does not mean you have to do everything others expect of you. Make sure everyone knows that you answer to only yourself!

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will have to make sacrifices today but the effort will be worth it. Not only do you have enough energy and enthusiasm to get things done for yourself but you will gladly help others as well.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

It may seem that the odds are stacked against you but that is an illusion brought about by too narrow a focus. Expand your horizons and embrace the world.

### Pisces

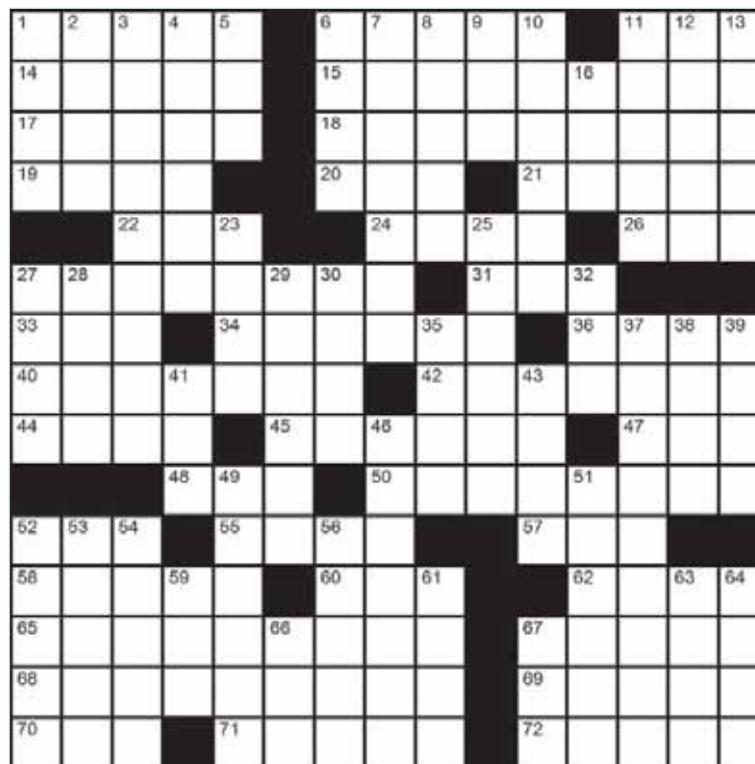
Feb. 20 - March 20

Do what you have to do as quickly as possible, then devote yourself to activities that bring a smile to your face. Life should be about fun, not work. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Shoes: \_\_\_ marks
6. Unleash, as uproar
11. Li'l norm
14. Bert's pal
15. "Twelve men broke loose in '73 / From \_\_\_ maximum security." — The Tragically Hip
17. Relinquished
18. Ottawa's "Desire 126" band
19. Pegs
20. Lanka's lead
21. Intl. air carrier, once: 2 wds.
22. American '66', e.g.
24. Sweetie
26. The Waste Land poet's monogram
27. Life insurance co. since 1896
31. Snap
33. Texter's POV
34. Birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen
36. Finished
40. Like an illuminated night
42. Newfoundland town or bay
44. Seal herds
45. Selection
47. Hebrides turnaround
48. Toward the ship's stern
50. June 4-5, 2014
51. 'G7' Summit locale
52. Perhaps-es
55. Fancy suffix to 'Art'
57. Archaic 'your'
58. Bombers and Oilers



60. Birmingham's li'l state
62. Roof part
65. House at Hogwarts
67. Boo-boomed
68. Town called 'Manitoba's Valley Paradise'
69. \_\_\_ du Canada

- (honour, in French)
70. Outer: Prefix
71. Crispy breads
72. Donald's response, when asked who Kiefer is: 2 wds.

### Down

1. Splinter group

2. Actress Ms. Summer
3. Country's Carrie (More at #49-Down)
4. Pinata party
5. Feasted
6. Cheerios' uniform letters on "Glee"
7. Cranberries singer,

- Dolores O'\_\_\_
8. Canadian advice columnist Ms. Teshar
9. \_\_\_-inclusive
10. Scarab-headed god of ancient Egypt
11. \_\_\_garde
12. Sacred Hindu texts
13. Folklore figure

16. Certain constellation
23. Organic compound
25. Short synopsis
27. Dweeb
28. Farm song bit: "Here \_\_\_, there..."
29. Decrees
30. Mr. Rogen
32. Bamboozle
35. Awaken
37. BC: Okanagan Valley sights
38. And others, for short: 2 wds.
39. Reuben requirements
41. Edward Snowden related org.
43. Superlative suffix
46. Pyramid-top pillar
49. Mike \_\_\_ (Canadian hockey star married to #3-Down)
51. Wine from Spain
52. Familiar reply to "Who's there?": 2 wds.
53. Oscar's tidy roommate
54. Decline: 2 wds.
56. Tropical tubers
59. Range's one-of-some, briefly
61. Santa \_\_\_ (Hot winds)
63. True: Italian
64. Perfect place
66. Univ. web address ending, sometimes
67. 30th, sometimes, as per calendars [acronym]

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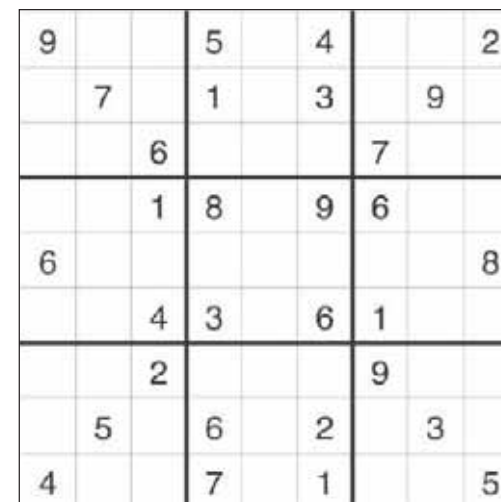


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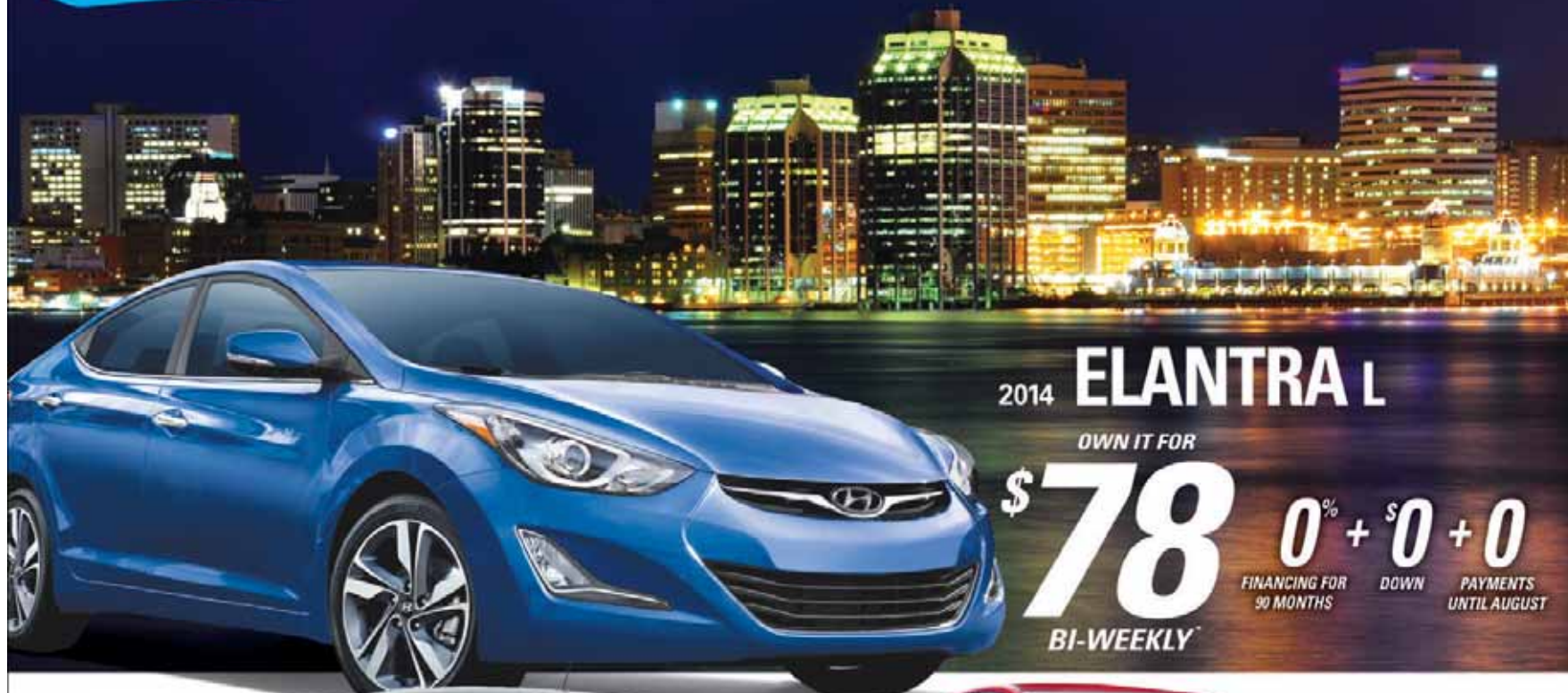
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